MR. CHAIRMAN: Please, allow the Question Hour to proceed. ...*(Interruptions)*...

आप अपनी जगह से प्रश्न उठाइए, यहां से नहीं। ...(व्यवधान)... Please, allow the Question Hour to proceed ...*(Interruptions)*... Question No. 101, please ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Sir, Question No. 101 ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned for ten minutes.

The House then adjourned at four minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at fifteen minutes past eleven of the clock,

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA) in the Chair.

RE. SOME POINTS: CONTD.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): Q.No. 101. Shri C. Ramachandraiah. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री शाहिदी सिद्दीकी: सर, डिसकशन कराइए ...(व्यवधान)...

†[شری شاہد صدیقی: سر، ڈسکشن کرانیے ۔مداخلت۔]

श्री कमाल अख्तर (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर, क्वेश्चन ऑवर नहीं चलेगा ...(व्यवधान)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): The House is adjourned for fifteen minutes.

The House then adjourned at sixteen minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at thirty minutes past eleven of the clock,

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA) in the Chair.

RE. SOME POINTS: CONTD.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): Question No. 101. Shri C. Ramachandraiahji. रामचन्द्रैय्या जी *absent* हैं क्या? Question No. 101 ...*(Interruptions)*... Shri Ramachandraiahji ...*(Interruptions)*... Please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Sir, the House is not in order. *(Interruptions)* Please restore order first. ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 12 o'clock.

The House then adjourned at thirty-one minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the Clock,
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

CAG report regarding misappropriation of funds under NREGS

*101. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General in his report has found cases where the funds earmarked to National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) have been misappropriated;

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†[Transliteration in Urdu Script.]

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to check the occurrences of misappropriation of funds allocated to the NREGS;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the level of compliance by the implementing bodies; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Ministry of Rural Development requested CAG to undertake performance audit of the implementation of NREGA in phase I districts for the year 2006-07. Accordingly, CAG conducted audit in 68 districts of 26 States. CAG submitted its draft report on 17.12.2007 to the Ministry. The draft report has been examined in the Ministry and has also been shared with all the States. CAG has made a total of 1416 findings in its draft report out of which 34 cases relate to financial matters. These are regarding instances of use of funds for non permissible activities/ineligible persons/agencies and incorrect accounting of expenditure. The States have given their responses to the observations made by CAG in the draft report. These have been sent to CAG. State responses are in the process of examination by CAG for finalisation of the performance audit report of NREGA.

(b) to (d) Steps taken to check the occurrences of misappropriation of funds under NREGA and level of compliance by the implementing bodies are as under:

(1) **Vigilance and Monitoring**

(i) Implementation of NREG Act is monitored on regular basis. Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been set up at State as well as district levels. Local MPs are the members of the district Vigilance and Monitoring Committees. Village Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have also been set up for local monitoring. Members of the Central Employment Guarantee Council also undertake field visits to various districts. National Level Monitors (NLMs) and Area Officers visit various districts to oversee the progress of the Act. All Phase I and II districts have been visited by the NLMs.

(ii) Muster Roll verification has to be done in a campaign mode and consolidated reports sent to the Ministry. So far, 4621120 Muster Rolls have been verified.

(2) **Transparency**

(i) States have been directed to conduct social audit of each and every work of NREGA within three months. Social Audit has been done in 53911 Gram Panchayats.

(ii) A Citizen Information Board has been introduced. This board is to be displayed at all prominent places. This will enable the local community to know the works being undertaken under NREGA and would also facilitate the process of spreading awareness about the programme.

(3) **MIS**

A comprehensive Web-based MIS *www.nrega.nic.in* has been implemented which places all data in public domain. This data pertains to workers' entitlements like registration. Job cards, muster rolls, employment demanded and provided; work data like sanctioned shelf of works, work estimates, work in progress, measurement; Financial indicators like funds available/spent, amount paid as wages, materials and administrative expenses. Data software

has been engineered for cross verification of records and for report generation. Details of 25001781 Job Cards and 1126914 Muster rolls have been placed on the website.

(4) **Regular Review of NREGA**

Progress of implementation of NREGA is reviewed on regular basis. NREGA has been reviewed at the highest level in Prime Minister's review meeting on 20.6.2007. Performance Review Committee meetings are undertaken by the Minister of Rural Development and Secretary (Rural Development) from time to time. During the year 2007-08, three Regional Review Committee meetings have been held to cover review of all States. These were held at Bhubaneswar (16-17 September), Jaipur (24-25 September) and Guwahati (9-10 October). Review meeting with State Secretaries (Rural Development) of all States was held on 18.12.07 in Delhi. Meeting of the Performance Review Committee was held in Delhi during 16-17 January, 2008.

Progress of NREGA was also reviewed in the interactive session with Members of Parliament held during 20th-23rd August, 2007 and 5th-6th September, 2007. Minister (Rural Development) reviewed implementation of NREGA in Orissa during November, 2007, Uttar Pradesh on 23.1.08 and Maharashtra on 20.2.08. Members of Central Employment Guarantee Council also participated in the review meetings.

Non-availability of Central Forces for the naxal affected States

*102. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has reportedly told the naxal affected States that they should not ask for more Central Reserve Police Force to handle naxalism in their States;

(b) whether the Centre has also asked States that they should focus on filling up the vacant posts in their police set up;

(c) whether this matter was debated at the two-day meeting of the task force, constituted by the Union Home Ministry on the naxalite problem in the country;

(d) if so, the reactions of the States to these proposals; and

(e) the steps being taken by the States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) The Central Government has not told the State Governments that they should not ask for more Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) to deal with the naxalite situation. Presently, 33 battalions of the CPMFs (including 1 battalion of State Armed Police on deputation in Chhattisgarh) have been deployed to assist the police authorities in the States affected by naxal violence. In addition, on the request of the State Governments of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, orders have also been issued for the deployment of additional 4 and 1 battalions of the CPMFs, respectively, in these States. 4 coys. of the CRPF were also deployed temporarily in Orissa in the wake of the recent attacks by naxalites in that States on 15th February.

However, the Ministry of Home Affairs has been bringing to the notice of the State Governments that they need to also take urgent steps at their own level so that their dependency upon CPMFs can, to the extent possible, be reduced. In this context, the Ministry of Home